

**.RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0199-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Pierre CHARNEAU et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No.: 10/602,663)	Examiner: L.W.Z. Humphrey
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Filed: June 25, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 8007
)	
For: USE OF TRIPLEX STRUCTURE)	
DNA IN TRANSFERRING NUCLEOTIDE)	
SEQUENCES)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009. A petition for extension of time and required fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow amendments to the claims and begin on page 10.

Attachments: Rijck, J.D., *et al.*, "The central DNA flap of the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 is important for viral replication," *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* (2006), 349:1100-1110.